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SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN CLAIMS: GOJ MAKES STRONG DEMARCHE RE
JAPAN VISIT

REF: (A) TOKYO 04483; (B) 77 STATE 246960; (C) STATE 67584

1. SUMMARY. POL COUNSULAR ARIMA STRONGLY URGED DEPT
MARCH 21 TO DISCOURAGE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS DELEGATION VISIT
TO JAPAN, PARTICULARLY IF VISIT FOLLOWED STOP IN WASHING-
TON. ARIMA QUOTED FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIV DIR AS TELL-
ING EMBOFF MARCH 20 (REFTEL A) THAT GOJ WOULD NOT EVEN
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RECEIVE CLAIMS VISIT IF IT WERE ROUTED TO TOKYO AFTER
WASHINGTON. ARIMA REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION
THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN US POLICY ON CLAIMS
ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. POLCOUNS ARIMA CALLED ON COUNTRY DIRECTOR MARCH 21
UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM TOKYO TO BRIEF DEPARTMENT ON SUB-

STANCE OF MARCH 20 MEETING BETWEEN EMBOFF AND FIRST NORTH AM AFFAIRS DIV DIRECTOR WATANABE, AND TO REITERATE GOJ POINTS MADE AT THAT TIME. READING FROM FONOFF CABLE, ARIMA REPORTED EMBOFF AS NOTING THAT MICRONESIAN LEADERS NAKAYAMA AND HENRY WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON FROM MARCH 23 (REF-TEL C) AND, WHILE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WAS NOT TO DISCUSS

CLAIMS, SUBJECT WOULD LIKELY ARISE. EMBOFF THEN REPORTED AS SAYING IN CABLE THAT A MICRONESIAN CLAIMS DELEGATION WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE GOING TO TOKYO REGARDING CLAIM RESOLUTION PASSED IN PONAPE IN FEBRUARY. EMBOFF, ACCORDING TO MOFA, THEN NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DID NOT CONSIDER IT WISE TO ALLOW OUR RELATIONS WITH MICRONESIANS TO DETERIORATE FOR THE SAKE OF 20-ODD MILLION DOLLARS AND OUR INCLINATION WAS THEREFORE TO FACILITATE VISITS. WATANABE RESPONDED THAT GOJ UNDERSTOOD MICRONESIANS FULLY AWARE GOJ POSITION BUT WOULD LIKE TO COME TO JAPAN TO CONFIRM FOR THEMSELVES WHAT THEY HAD HEARD. FOLLOWING SUCH CONFIRMATION, MICRONESIAN INTENTION WOULD BE TO SEEK US CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ENTIRE AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING TITLE I CLAIMS. IF, HOWEVER, DELEGATION VISITED WASHINGTON FIRST, TRIP WOULD ASSUME A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MEANING. SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH USG POSITION SET FORTH OCT 15 LAST YEAR (REFTEL B), AND WOULD HARM US-JAPAN RELATIONS. US SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DISSUADE MICRONESIANS. IN ANY CASE, SHOULD SUCH A GROUP ARRIVE IN TOKYO FOLLOWING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE GOJ WOULD NOT RECEIVE IT. TO DO SO WOULD ONLY CALL ATTENTION TO THE UNILATERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION OF THE US IN PASSING PL 95-134, PROVIDING JUICY MATERIAL FOR THOSE JAPANESE WHO WISHED TO CRITICIZE US. THE GOJ HAD ASKED US REPEATEDLY TO DISCOURAGE CLAIMS VISIT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WAY GOJ COULD CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. WATANABE ADDED THAT PRESS GUIDELINES PROPOSED 10/15/77 MADE IT CLEAR THAT USG WOULD NOT BRING UP CLAIMS ISSUE WITH JAPAN (SIC).

3. IN RESPONSE, WE UNDERScored US NEED TO LOOK AFTER MICRONESIAN INTERESTS IN THIS CRUCIAL NEGOTIATING PERIOD. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT USG HAD LITTLE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER SUCH MICRONESIAN ACTIONS AS THE DISPATCH OF CLAIMS MISSIONS, OR VISITS IN GENERAL, ALTHOUGH WE DID OUR BEST TO KEEP THEM IN PROPER CHANNELS. FINALLY, WE TOLD ARIMA THAT WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ITINERARY THE CLAIMS MISSION PLANNED.

4. WE ASKED ARIMA IF FONOFF HAD ADOPTED FORMAL POSITION

NOT TO RECEIVE ANY MICRONESIAN CLAIMS DELEGATION IF IT VISITED WASHINGTON BEFORE TOKYO. ARIMA CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS MOFA POSITION. ARIMA ADDED THAT JAPANESE TECHNICAL AID PROJECTS TO MICRONESIA WERE WELL ALONG TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION AND SAID THAT THESE WOULD LIKELY BE AFFECTED BY DETERIORATION OF CLAIMS ISSUE. ARIMA THEN ASKED WHETHER EMBOFF STATEMENT INDICATED A CHANGE IN US POLICY. WE ASSURED HIM THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE.

5. FOR TOKYO.DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE FULLER ACCOUNT OF EMBOFF'S MARCH 20 MEETING WITH WATANABE THAN THAT PROVIDED REFTEL. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ANY NUANCES THAT MIGHT GIVE JAPANESE IMPRESSION THAT OUR POLICY HAD CHANGED, THAT MICRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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NESIAN VISIT TO WASHINGTON THEN TOKYO WAS FIRM PLAN OR THAT JAPANESE WOULD NOT RECEIVE MISSION IF IT VISITED WASHINGTON FIRST.

6. FOR STATUS LIAISON OFFICE. WITHOUT STIMULATING MICRONESIAN INTEREST IN CLAIMS VISIT TO TOKYO, WE NEED ASAP LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT TIMING AND ROUTING OF ANY VISIT TO TOKYO. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO SORT OUT THIS ISSUE, BUT, AS YOU CAN SURMISE, ANY VISIT TO TOKYO AT THIS TIME WOULD BE MOST UNHELPFUL TO ALL. WE WILL NEED SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE ANY VISIT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY GUIDANCE. VANCE

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